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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Lasse Hessel

Serial Number : 058,766

Examiner:
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For : TUBULAR PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR
PROTECTION AGAINST TRANSFER OF
INFECTIOUS MATTER DURING SEXUAL
INTERCOURSE

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP 708.02 VIII

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements set out in MPEP 708.02
VIII, the applicant hereby requests that the
above-identified application be made special and
afforded an advanced prosecution status.

The application is a new application which has not
to date been the subject of examination in the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office. Applicant submits that all
of the claims presented in the application are addressed
to a single invention.

A Preliminary Amendment with arguments of
patentability accompanies this Petition. The claims
presented in the preliminary amendment are directed to
the female embodiment of the invention. This amendment
to the claims is made at this time to facilitate the

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advanced prosecution of the application. These claims are believed to be directed to the most commercially significant embodiment of the invention. The applicant intends to prosecute broader claims in future applications and will, if required to do so, present terminal disclaimers in those applications for the terminal portion of any patents that may be issued and which extend beyond the expiration of any patent granted for the newly presented claims.

Pre-examination searches of the U.S. patent classifications were performed by a professional searcher. The field of the searches by classes and subclasses searched was:

128/128, 129, 130, 131; and

604/327, 328, 330, 331, 338, 339, 341, 342,
343, 355.

One copy of each of the documents deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the applicant's claims has been submitted with either the applicant's Information Disclosure of July 16, 1987, or the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with this petition. These statements have identified the most significant features of the disclosure that are related to the applicant's invention and the differences between the disclosures and the applicant's invention. A detailed discussion of the disclosures and how the claimed subject matter is

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distiguishable over the disclosures is presented in the Preliminary Amendment.

For the reasons discussed in the Preliminary Amendment and in the applicant's Information Disclosure Statements, the applicant respectfully submits that his application is in condition for allowance. Special status and favorable consideration of this application in light of the amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

A check for \$72.00 to cover the official fee for filing this petition is attached. If there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account Number 06-1110.

Respectfully submitted,



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